--- 1/4th Pound - "Series of 1897" - 290 x 20 mm. ---

Lee Brandom lists the 1/4th pound "Series of 1897" recess printed black strip as follows:

RP-663 - 1/4th pound, black, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, 290 x 20 mm. - ***4½ mm. red controls***
RP-664 - 1/4th pound, black, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, 290 x 20 mm. - ***4½ mm. violet controls***
RP-665 - 1/4th pound, black, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, 285 x 20 mm. - ***4½ mm. red controls***

The control numbering was a repeating cycle from **000001** to **9999999**. Thus, maintaining a consecutive control listing serves only to provide a measure of the relative scarcity of a particular strip. There is no way to tell how many times ABN repeated the control numbering cycle. Extant unused strips are mainly late date *remnants* which became available when the strips were declared to be obsolete.

--- 1/4th Pound - "Series of 1897" - 290 x 20 mm. ---

--- R*ecess printed* in BLACK ink - with *dark tablets* - *4½ mm. red controls* - scanned at 55% scale ---

--- RP-663 - *coarse roulette* - 23 mm. imprint "AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA" **---**

RP-663 - 1/4th pound, *coarse roulette*, control **7917204**, on *horizontal mesh* wove
Roller cancelled **TOBACCO / 3 - 14** by "J. U. Gervais", Joliette, P.Q. - 290 x 20 mm.

402437	RP-663	1/4th pound, coarse roulette
2104424	RP-663	1/4th pound, coarse roulette
3832237	RP-663	1/4th pound, coarse roulette
5544459	RP-663	1/4th pound, coarse roulette
7917204 ★	RP-663	1/4th pound, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove, 290 x 20 mm. rollered **TOBACCO / 3-14**

RP-665 - 1/4th pound, *coarse roulette*, control **6768830**, on *vertical mesh* wove,
Roller cancelled **TOBACCO / 6 - 17** by "Imperial Tobacco", Montreal - 285 x 20 mm.

6768830 ★	RP-665	1/4th pound, coarse roulette, on vertical mesh wove, 285 x 20 mm. rollered **TOBACCO / 6-17**

The catalogue lists the 290 mm. strip as **RP-663**, and the 285 mm. strip as **RP-665**. The former is printed on *horizontal mesh* wove, and the latter is on *vertical mesh* wove. As previously mentioned, the *horizontal mesh* wove stretches longitudinally during the printing process, while the *vertical mesh* wove after printing contracts like an accordion - thus a possibility for the 5 mm. length difference of the two strips. Another possibility is that the shorter strip was printed by *hand press*, while the longer was from *rotary press*. The rotary press would be fed by a roll of *horizontal* mesh paper (less likely to tear across the grain), while the hand press seems to use *vertical* mesh paper.

--- 1/4th Pound - “Series of 1897” - 290 x 20 mm. ---

--- R*ecess printed* in BLACK ink - with *dark tablets* - *4½ mm. violet controls* - scanned at 55% scale ---

--- RP-664 - *coarse roulette* - 23 mm. imprint “AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA” **---**

RP-664 - 1/4th pound, *coarse roulette*, control **0053231**, on *horizontal mesh* wove - the cancellation is unreadable

0053231	RP-664	1/4th pound, coarse roulette, with ***faint purple*** control numbers

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RP-663n - 1/4th pound, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove, without control numbering
Stamped **CANCELLED** and **Registered** in violet ink - 290 x 20 mm.

RP-663n - 1/4th pound, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove paper, without control numbering
Roller cancelled **TOBACCO** / **A-20** by the tobacco merchant “C. T. Bates & Co.”, Ottawa - 290 x 20 mm.

From the ABN Archive Sale of 1990 - 287 x 20 mm

--- **RP-663 PP** - 1/4th pound, black, *imperforate*, plate proofs mounted on thin cardboard - a pair ---

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--- RP-663 DP - 1/4th pound black die proof - “CANADA-F-42” - scanned at 100% scale ---

RP-663 DP - 1/4th Pound Tobacco, imperforate black die proof “CANADA-F-42” on heavy wove paper
A 290 mm. one-piece die proof - optically split in the scanner to show details

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